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Germans Going Pell-Mell For The Beaches: Southern Front Crumbling: Booty Immense As Prisoners Pour In

FIRST ARMY FOR THE FIRST TIME THE KILLER OF THE CAPE BON



Massacre Of "Dunkirk"

42 AXIS SHIPS SUNK 6 DESTROYERS HIT

THOUSANDS of Germans have already been drowned in a desperate attempt by Von Arnim to stage a Tunisian Dunkirk in face of the mighty Allied Navy and Air Force.

General Eisenhower's communique revealed yesterday that on Thursday and Friday alone our Air Forces ranging over the Sicilian Channel

Sank 14 small craft, including evacuation barges.

Destroyed 28 merchant ships.

Sank three destroyers, left 10 burning and damaged two.

Most of the Allied forces which landed the way to Tunis for the first time in the campaign of wholesale destruction at sea.

So terrific is the havoc being wreaked on fleeing Axis craft that a complete account of the damage is not possible. Even the largest ships in the Allied fleet are being sunk as only a preliminary

AFRICA KEEPS VICTIMS

Our planes helped in their ability long enough to retreat to take cover.

Many of the enemy ships which they plunged to the bottom were believed to have contained members of the Afrika Korps.

To leave them to be annihilated in Tunisia would be a great blow to German pride, and Rommel, sailing away in Sicily, wants to save as many as he can.

How dim are his hopes, however, that the Allied communique which spoke of our complete air mastery over Tunisia and then stated:

"Many attacks were carried out on enemy shipping in the Gulf and harbor of Tunis. Fourteen small craft were sunk, two destroyers were left burning, and direct hits were scored on several other vessels."

"Fleighter-bombers sank three vessels at the entrance to Tunis harbor."

SICILIAN PORTS BOMBED

"Further reports of operations showed that the enemy's main destroyers were sunk and two smaller ones were damaged."

Twenty-five vessels of varying sizes were sunk in attacks on Italian ports."

As the remnants of the Axis forces pack into the Bon peninsula, the Axis may be expected to use crowds of small boats to pick up off the beaches—the only beaches in all Tunisia.

For ports in the peninsula are unusable for accommodating ships of any size.

The peninsula is about 47 miles long and 25 miles wide, with a 70-mile ridge.

Only small airfields are unlikely to present much of a problem to the Axis, but the concentration of its guns round the coast which means that the Allied naval forces, lacking off-shore

ALLIED AND AXIS TROOPS YESTERDAY WERE BOTH RACING PELL-MELL FOR THE BON PENINSULA, WHERE THE FINAL CLASH WILL TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE ENEMY ARE FINALLY DESTROYED ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT.

Our bombers, continuing their relentless attack from the air, pounded highways on the peninsula and kept up constant pressure on the retreating Axis forces. And bombers of the Tactical Air Force are maintaining a close patrol of the Gulf of Tunis.

All that remains of the Axis front after the shattering drives to Tunis and Bizerta is crumbling rapidly. For the enemy the fight is lost. Leaving vast quantities of booty behind, they are in full flight to the evacuation beaches.

Close on their heels the First Army yesterday captured the town of Creteville, which is 14 miles south-east of Tunis. From there they pressed on

along the coast into the peninsula itself, and last night were reported to be near Hammami.

Our First Army forces struck south from Tunis with the object of closing the mouth of the peninsula, and advanced 18 miles to Ain el Asker.

War correspondents estimate that at least 10,000 prisoners have been taken and more are pouring in. They are giving up their own transports. It is apparent that they are in confusion and defeat.

Enemy pockets of resistance south and south-east of the First Army's line of advance are quickly being wiped out.

American armoured units sweeping south from Bizerta have advanced 18 miles along the coast to Tunis, while in the Mateur sector they cleared the Germans off high ground and took 300 more prisoners.

The few remaining Axis strongholds in the Tebessa area are similarly being reduced, and Chetoula, near Tebessa, has been captured.

Further south in the Goubellat sector, the Axis forces are being forced forward 15 miles to capture Bir Mcherga which lies 12 miles north-east of Point du Fehr on the road from there to the Tunisian coast.

Point du Fehr itself was captured by the First Army. Its fall means that the Axis forces holding the towering mountains of Zaghawan will have to leave the area or face the danger of being pinched out by the First and Eighth Armies.

OVERHELMED

Already the French are pushing into the high ground towards Zaghawan, while the Eighth Army, leaving heavily armed, have taken a number of prisoners.

The collapse of this front will be the last Axis move.

Little chance remains now of their turning the Bon peninsula into a base. Alexander's lightning stroke simply overwhelmed them.

Our forces which swept into Tunis have no need to consult their guns. They are racing to "mix it" with the enemy in the peninsula before they can be grouped for battle.

In their retreat the Axis forces are being mercilessly pounded by our tanks, bombers, fighters and medium bombers, fighters and fighter-bombers, and all equipped with the latest weapons.

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Eisenhower's Aim

DESTROY THE LAST ENEMY POSITION

ALLIED H.Q., Saturday.
"As long as a single armed German is on African soil there is still a battle, and I want to destroy the rest of his positions," said General Eisenhower in Algiers last night, after returning from the battlefield.

'Graves For Remaining Nazis'

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Malta Is Now Helping To "Cane" The Italians

Malta, once the butt of Axis Air attacks, is now turning the tables. She is a service station for the North African base to Italy and Sicily.

Fifteen hundred tons of bombs were dropped on Italian targets by Malta yesterday, said General Eisenhower.

"Yesterday our fighters destroyed a bomber squadron of six with only eight rounds of cannon fire. The aircraft burst into flames and dove into the sea," he said.

BRITONS IN NEW PRISONERS SWAP

A new group of British and Italian prisoners of war will be repatriated through Turkey today, it was officially announced last night according to Ankara Radio.

DUCE CALLS CABINET

The Italian Cabinet met yesterday afternoon, with Mussolini presiding. Rome Radio said that they dealt with "economic proposals" and "routine matters," but there can be no doubt that the Axis collapse in Tunisia occupied their major attention.—REUTERS.

STRAITS GALE

The great Gale was still blowing in the Straits of Dover last night. It is feared that the south-west wind reached a force of between 60 and 70 miles an hour.

Great seas were running. The storm has brought a sharp drop in temperature. Four conditions are more like winter than spring.

SOVIET BOMBERS PAYE WAY FOR OFFENSIVE

Greatest Red Air Armada Is Ready

BY OUR AIR CORRESPONDENT
ALLIED air might, synchronised to disrupt the Axis plan of campaign, is playing a more vital part than ever in the strategy of the United Nations.

Over the Tunisian skies Allied fighters and bombers swarmed on their sorties of destruction. In Russia, the Red Air Force mounts ever-increasing pressure on German concentration points and has in readiness the greatest air armada yet built up by the Soviet.

Heavy Russian air raids on enemy aerodromes, railway junctions and troop trains are believed in Moscow to be the prelude to large-scale offensive.

"We are on the eve of big new battles," declared "Pravda" yesterday, adding: "The Germans are bringing up reserves and are concentrating tanks and planes on certain sectors."

"Our Air Force has been delivering massive blows at enemy targets and dispersing his divisions as they moved up."

"We can be sure that in the coming days our Air Force will display its skill over the enemy's planes on the ground. The destruction of enemy airfields is one of the main tasks of the Soviet Air Force's greatest success."

Hundreds of Russian planes roared out on this day of the offensive against scores of German aircraft. The Luftwaffe had been concentrating their planes for the opening of the spring offensive.

By the time the attack was over 150 German planes had been shot down on the ground for the loss of only 24 Russian machines.

FLOW OF PLANES

This was the most successful attack since the war started, and it was significant in that it marked a tremendous increase in the strength and ability of the Russian day bomber force. Now reinforced with a growing number of American dive-bombers and attack planes.

This attack was the culmination of the largest series of air attacks on this front. For four nights last week Russian bombers carried out massed attacks on German supply and communication centres behind the lines, plastering such towns as Brest-Litovsk, Bransk, on the Orël front, Gomel, north of Kiev, and Constantinople, the Black Sea Port, with hundreds of tons of bombs.

ALREADY THESE RAIDS ARE PART OF THE GREATEST AIR STRIKE SINCE THE WAR STARTED. HAD.

Thousands of British and American bombers and fighters have been added to the great number which have rolled off the Russian assembly lines.

So, planes are maintaining their air supremacy since the Russian offensive in the Kuban, where German troops are retreating.

And the time said Vichy Radio yesterday, gigantic air battles are raging over the front.

Super-Engine For Mustangs

For the first time, it has been revealed that a very famous engine of the Packard-Built Merlin is going to be used in the Mustang.

The revelation was made by Sir Stuart Cripp in a broadcast to the U.S.A. last night.

The Mustang is a very fast single-engine fighter, and it is probably this engine which is still in the hands of the U.S. Army.

Mustang is a far better engine than the Allison, the Merlin-Mustang should turn out to be one of the finest single-engine aircraft in the world.

When a German patrol came upon a blow up railway crossing in the province of Hainaut, the Germans were surprised to find petrol to fight, reports the index.

Fifty members of the fighting units of the Resist (Fascist) Party have been killed by patriots.—REUTERS.

BATTLES BEGIN ON WHOLE RUSSIAN FRONT

ACTIVITY is rising up all along the Russian front, both on land and in the air, following improved weather and consequent hardening of the ground, the German News Agency, quoted by Reuters.

In the area of the Kuban the German forces are trying to improve their positions in view of coming developments. The Agency said.

In the Kuban the enemy captured unco-ordinated thrusts were made after several attempts to capture a height on the front.

German counter-attacks threw the enemy back to the eastern bank of the Donets with the loss of 200 prisoners.

Japs Cut Highway

BRITISH BASE IS THREATENED

New Delhi, Saturday.
BRITISH positions in the Butthading area of Western Burma are threatened by a new Japanese thrust east of the Mayu Ridge, according to today's joint war communique.

Butthading is the main supply base of the Allied front. After obtaining a foothold on the vital 12-mile road linking Butthading with Maungdaw, the Japanese, at the cost of substantial casualties, have strengthened their grip on the highway at a point only four miles west of Butthading.

RAP bombers and fighters have carried out attacks on Japanese troops, positions and supply dumps in the Mayu Peninsula.

Heavyweights on offensive sweeps along the Irrawaddy and Chindwin rivers damaged Japanese heavy transport, including a twin-decked steamer, as well as rolling stock on land.

BOMBERS BUST

A communique from U.S. Army Air Force H.Q. here reported attacks by bombers on important Japanese targets in the Central and Upper Burma.

Two formations of heavy bombers dropped tons of bombs on Japanese installations at Tounoung, and American fighters also took part in the attack.

No U.S. planes are missing.—REUTERS.

Mystery Of Big Raid On Narvik

Narvik, the Norwegian port that was the scene of stirring events in the early days of the war, was heavily raided on Friday night, says a dispatch received from Oslo.

Many fires were started and an ammunition dump was blown up. Nothing is known in London regarding this raid but it is possible it was made by Russian planes.

EXPERT LIES TO NAZIS

The German Radio reports that the German Professor Klinko, one of the closest collaborators of the German High Command, has been given a new assignment.

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